

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please amend the Abstract by rewriting same to read as follows.

A data service apparatus ~~is provided which~~ includes a storage ~~means (31)~~ unit that stores digital data as a file, an encryption circuit ~~[[35]]~~ that encrypts the digital data into an encrypted data, and a decryption circuit ~~[[37]]~~ that decrypts the encrypted data into the initial digital data. For backing up, a file stored in the storage ~~means (31)~~ unit is encrypted by the encryption circuit ~~[[35]]~~ into an encrypted test data file before being stored into an external storage unit ~~[[60]]~~. For decryption, the encrypted data file is extracted from the external storage unit ~~[[60]]~~, decrypted by the decryption circuit ~~[[37]]~~ into the initial digital data file and written back into the storage ~~means (31)~~ unit. Thus, the data service apparatus can back up the stored file in the external storage unit safely and easily.